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SUBJ: FONMIN GROMYKO'S REMARKS TO UNGA ON CHILE

IN HIS UNGA PLENARY SPEECH SEPT. 25, USSR FONMIN GROMYKO
MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS ABOUT CHILE:

" OBVIOUSLY THERE IS NO NEED TO DWELL IN DETAIL IN THIS
ASSEMBLY ON THE CONSISTENT SUPPORT WHICH THE SOVIET UNION
HAS RENDERED AND IS RENDERING TO THE DEVELOPING STATES
OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION
THE UNITED NATIONS WAS AN ARENA OF FIERCE POLITICAL BATTLES
AGAINST COLONIALISM OF ALL SHADES, AND THE SOVIET UNION
ALWAYS RESOLUTELY DEFENDED THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES AND RENDERED
ITS UTMOST SUPPORT TO THEIR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION.
WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT IT IS A HARD AND A GRIM STRUGGLE,
AND SOME VERY RECENT EVENTS REMIND US AGAIN THAT IT MAY
TAKE TRAGIC TURNS.

AS IS KNOWN, IN CHILE THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN
OVERTHROWN. THE ELECTED PRESIDENT, SALVADOR ALLENDE, THAT
OUTSTANDING PATRIOT OF HIS COUNTRY, WAS KILLED. THE FORCES
OF REACTION HAVE STRUCK A BLOW AT THE CHILEAN PEOPLE'S
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DESIRE FOR GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM.

A SERIOUS PROVOCATION WAS COMMITTED AGAINST ANOTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATE, CUBA, WHOSE EMBASSY AND ONE OF WHOSE SHIPS WERE FIRED UPON. SURELY, THE CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY JUNTA CANNOT FAIL TO REALIZE THAT SUCH ACTIONS CANNOT BE QUALIFIED AS ANYTHING BUT INTERNATIONAL BRIGANDAGE AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION.

AN ANTI SOVIET CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN WHIPPED UP IN THE COUNTRY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF ARBITRARINESS AND VIOLENCE IN RESPECT OF SOVIET OFFICES AND CITIZENS WHO WERE SENT TO RENDER FRIENDLY AID TO THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AT THE REQUEST OF THAT COUNTRY'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

WHAT IS THERE TO SAY ON THAT SCORE? UNDOUBTEDLY, THAT THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE PEOPLES FROM BREATHING THE AIR OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE, OR EVEN TO DROWN IN BLOOD THEIR RIGHT TO NATIONAL FREEDOM, WILL YET BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT BY HISTORY.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE INTOLERABLE SITUATION THAT WAS DEVELOPING, AND IT DECIDED TO SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE-- OR, RATHER, WITH THE REGIME OF THE MILITARY JUNTA.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE JUST CAUSE OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE WILL ULTIMATELY TRIUMPH, DESPITE ITS PRESENT TRAGEDY."
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